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23 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

24 IN RE: UBER TECHNOLOGIES,
25 INC., PASSENGER SEXUAL
26 ASSAULT LITIGATION

27 MDL No. 3084 CRB

28 Judge: Honorable Charles Breyer

29 This Document Relates to:

30 *C.S. v. Uber Technologies, Inc, et al.;*
31 3:23-cv-05115-CRB

DEFENDANTS' THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

Defendants and Third-Party Plaintiffs Uber Technologies, Inc.; Rasier, LLC; and Rasier-CA, LLC (collectively, “Defendants” and/or “Third-Party Plaintiffs”) by and through their attorneys, bring this Third-Party Complaint pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 14 and hereby allege the following against Nadeem Amin (“Third-Party Defendant”):

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

1. Defendant and Third-Party Plaintiff Uber Technologies, Inc. is a California corporation that is registered with and conducts business within the State of California.

2. Defendant and Third-Party Plaintiff Rasier, LLC is a limited liability company that is registered with and conducts business within the State of California.

3. Defendant and Third-Party Plaintiff Rasier-CA, LLC is a limited liability company that is registered with and conducts business within the State of California.

4. Based on information and belief, Third-Party Defendant Nadeem Amin is an individual residing in DuPage County, Illinois.

5. Third-Party Plaintiffs Uber Technologies, Inc.; Rasier, LLC; and Rasier-CA, LLC are Defendants in the above-entitled action wherein C.S. (“Plaintiff”), seeks damages for injuries allegedly caused by Uber Technologies, Inc.; Rasier, LLC; Rasier-CA, LLC and others, by way of Plaintiff’s Original Complaint and Jury Demand, filed on May 2, 2023, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, Case No. 1:23-cv-2766 and Plaintiff’s Short-Form Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial, filed on April 10, 2024, in the United States District Court Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, Case No. 3:23-cv-05115-CRB, which incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Plaintiffs’ Master Long-Form Complaint, filed on February 15, 2024, in *In Re: Uber Technologies, Inc., Passenger Sexual Assault Litigation*, Case No. 3:23-md-03084-CRB, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California,

1 San Francisco Division (collectively, the “Complaint”). Third-Party Plaintiffs incorporate the
 2 Complaint herein for reference, and deny any fault or liability for causing Plaintiff’s alleged injuries or
 3 damages.

4 6. By way of the Complaint, Plaintiff seeks damages arising from an alleged sexual assault
 5 that purportedly occurred in Cook County, Illinois.

6 7. In the event that, as a result of the underlying action, it is determined that Plaintiff is
 7 entitled to recover from Third-Party Plaintiffs, and there have been acts or omissions for which Third-
 8 Party Plaintiffs are responsible, said acts or omissions were caused by the primary and active tortious
 9 or otherwise actionable conduct of the Third-Party Defendant.

11 **JURISDICTION**

12 8. This Court has jurisdiction of the underlying action under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1)
 13 because the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and because the
 14 underlying action is between citizens of different states.

15 9. This Court has jurisdiction over this Third-Party Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
 16 1367(a) because the Third-Party Complaint shares a common nucleus of operative facts with the
 17 underlying action so that the Third-Party Complaint is so related to the underlying action as to form
 18 part of the same case or controversy.

20 **DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT**

21 10. Assignment in the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, is
 22 appropriate because the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation has consolidated and transferred
 23 the underlying action to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1407. *See* Case No. 3:23-cv-3084,
 24 Dkt. 1.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**(Express Indemnity)**

11. Third-Party Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully set
 12 forth herein.

13. Third-Party Defendant entered into multiple written agreements with Third-Party
 14 Plaintiffs. Those agreements outline the respective rights and responsibilities relating to Third-Party
 15 Defendant's use of the Uber App. Of particular relevance here, Third-Party Defendant agreed to
 16 indemnify and defend Third-Party Plaintiffs, including with respect to claims such as those asserted by
 17 Plaintiff in the underlying Complaint against Third-Party Plaintiffs. The circumstances that give rise
 18 to Third-Party Defendant's contractual duty to indemnify and defend are the subject of Plaintiff's
 19 Complaint against Third-Party Plaintiffs.

20. On December 12, 2015, Third-Party Defendant entered into a Technology Services
 21 Agreement ("TSA") with Rasier, LLC. This agreement provides that Third-Party Defendant is
 22 required to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Third-Party Plaintiffs and their affiliates against any
 23 and all liabilities, expenses (including legal fees), damages, penalties, fines, arising out of or related to
 24 Third-Party Defendant's breach of Third-Party Defendant's representations, warranties, or obligations
 25 under the TSA (including Third-Party Defendant's representation and warranty to comply with all
 26 applicable laws); or a claim by a third party (including Users) directly or indirectly related to Third-
 27 Party Defendant's provision of Transportation Services or use of the Uber services. **(Exhibit A –**
 28 **Technology Services Agreement; Last Updated December 11, 2015, ¶ 10).**

29. Plaintiff's Complaint alleges, among other things, conduct entitling Plaintiff to
 30 compensatory damages against Third-Party Plaintiffs. Specifically, Plaintiff alleges that on or about
 31 July 8, 2018, while providing her a ride using the Uber App, Third-Party Defendant "sexually assaulted
 32 and sexually battered Plaintiff, ultimately forcing her into the back of the car and raping her." (Pl.'s
 33

1 **Original Compl. and Jury Demand, filed on May 2, 2023, in the United States District Court for**
 2 **the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, Case No. 1:23-cv-2766, ¶¶64-65); Short-Form**
 3 **Compl. and Demand for Jury Trial, filed on April 10, 2024, United States District Court for the**
 4 **Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, Case No. 3:23-cv-05115-CRB,**
 5 **¶C1 (“The Plaintiff was sexually assaulted, harassed, battered, or otherwise attacked by [Third-**
 6 **Party Defendant] in connection with a ride facilitated on the Uber platform in Cook County,**
 7 **Illinois on July 7, 2018.”).**

8 15. The damages alleged by Plaintiff arise out of or relate to Third-Party Defendant’s
 9 alleged tortious or otherwise actionable conduct, which arises out of or relates to his breach of the TSA
 10 with Third-Party Plaintiffs, his provision of Transportation Services, or his use of the Uber Services.

12 16. Third-Party Plaintiffs deny liability for the events and occurrences described in
 13 Plaintiff’s Complaint.

14 17. Third-Party Defendant’s alleged tortious or otherwise actionable conduct was the direct
 15 and proximate cause of the damages alleged by Plaintiff.

17 18. As a result, if Third-Party Plaintiffs are found in some manner liable to Plaintiff in this
 18 action under any theory of recovery, Third-Party Plaintiffs allege that their liability would be based
 19 solely upon a derivative form of liability not resulting from their conduct and, therefore, are entitled to
 20 complete indemnity from Third-Party Defendant.

21 19. By reason of the foregoing, Third-Party Plaintiffs are entitled to be fully defended and
 22 indemnified by Third-Party Defendant for any amounts which may in good faith be paid by way of
 23 compromise, settlement, or judgment. Additionally, Third-Party Plaintiffs are entitled to all costs,
 24 expenses, and attorneys’ fees that Third-Party Plaintiffs incurred in the defense of the underlying action
 25 brought by Plaintiff and the prosecution of this Third-Party Complaint.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Implied Indemnity)

20. Third-Party Plaintiffs incorporate herein each allegation set forth above.

21. Plaintiff's Complaint alleges, among other things, that Third-Party Plaintiffs are vicariously liable for Third-Party Defendant's conduct.

22. Third-Party Plaintiffs deny any relationship giving rise to vicarious liability for Third-Party Defendant's conduct.

23. If Third-Party Plaintiffs are found vicariously liable for Third-Party Defendant's conduct, any such pretort relationship giving rise to vicarious liability also gives rise to implied indemnity.

24. Third-Party Plaintiffs deny liability for the events and occurrences described in Plaintiff's Complaint, and, if Plaintiff has been injured or damaged as alleged in the Complaint, any such injuries or damages were directly and proximately caused and contributed to by the negligence or other tortious conduct of Third-Party Defendant.

25. As a result, if Third-Party Plaintiffs are found in some manner liable to Plaintiff in this action under any theory of recovery, Third-Party Plaintiffs allege that their liability would be based solely upon a derivative form of liability not resulting from their conduct, and, therefore, are entitled to complete indemnity from Third-Party Defendant.

26. Under the foregoing circumstances, Third-Party Plaintiffs are entitled to be fully indemnified and held harmless by Third-Party Defendant for any amounts which may in good faith be paid by way of compromise, settlement, or judgment.

27. Third-Party Plaintiffs are further entitled to be held harmless and indemnified by Third-Party Defendant for the reasonable costs incurred in the defense of this action and prosecuting this Third-Party Complaint, and for attorneys' fees incurred herein.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**(Contribution)**

28. Third-Party Plaintiffs incorporate herein each allegation set forth above.

29. If Plaintiff has been injured or damaged as alleged in the Complaint, any such injuries or damages were directly and proximately caused and contributed to by the negligence or other tortious conduct of Third-Party Defendant, such that Third-Party Defendant is subject to liability in tort to Plaintiff.

30. The fault, acts, or omissions of Third-Party Plaintiffs, if any, must be compared with the fault, acts, or omissions of Third-Party Defendant or any other persons or parties.

31. Under the foregoing circumstances, any award of damages to Plaintiff pursuant to her claims in the Complaint must be apportioned to, and be paid by, Third-Party Defendant according to the degree of Third-Party Defendant's fault, acts, or omissions.

32. As a result, if Third-Party Plaintiffs are held liable to Plaintiff on any of the allegations made in the Complaint, Third-Party Defendant is obligated to reimburse Third-Party Plaintiffs to the extent of Third-Party Defendant's pro rata share of common liability and will be liable to Third-Party Plaintiffs for any liabilities so assessed by way of contribution. Accordingly, Third-Party Plaintiffs assert herein their rights to such contribution. Specifically, Third-Party Plaintiffs assert that Third-Party Defendant is obligated to provide an equitable contribution to any judgment or settlement herein awarded in direct proportion to Third-Party Defendant's pro rata share of common liability.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**(Declaratory Relief)**

33. Third-Party Plaintiffs incorporate herein each allegation set forth above.

34. Without in any way acknowledging any liability to Plaintiff, Third-Party Plaintiffs allege that, if Third-Party Plaintiffs are ultimately held liable in this action, such liability will be the

1 direct and proximate result of the negligent or otherwise actionable conduct of Third-Party
2 Defendant. As a result, Third-Party Plaintiffs allege that Third-Party Defendant is obligated to fully or
3 partially indemnify Third-Party Plaintiffs for the sums that they may be compelled to pay as a result of
4 any damages, judgments, or other awards against Third-Party Plaintiffs in this action, if any, and to pay
5 Third-Party Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees and costs incurred in defending against the claims of Plaintiff in
6 this action and prosecuting the claims asserted by way of the Third-Party Complaint.

7 35. Third-Party Plaintiffs desire a judicial determination of the respective rights and duties
8 of Third-Party Plaintiffs and Third-Party Defendant with respect to the damages claimed in Plaintiff's
9 Complaint. In particular, Third-Party Plaintiffs desire a declaration of the respective liabilities of
10 Third-Party Plaintiffs and Third-Party Defendant for such damages, if any, and a declaration of Third-
11 Party Defendant's responsibilities to indemnify Third-Party Plaintiffs and to hold them harmless from
12 any sums that they may be compelled to pay, and for the attorneys' fees and costs Third-Party Plaintiffs
13 have already incurred and will incur in defending against Plaintiff's claims and prosecuting the claims
14 asserted by way of the Third-Party Complaint.

15 36. Such a declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time to enable Third-Party
16 Plaintiffs to ascertain their rights and duties with respect to the defense of this action and the payment
17 of any damages, judgment, or other awards that may be recovered against them by
18 Plaintiff. Furthermore, the claims of Plaintiff and the claims of Third-Party Plaintiffs arise out of the
19 same transaction and occurrence, and a determination of both in one proceeding is necessary and
20 appropriate to avoid the multiplicity of actions that would result if Third-Party Plaintiffs are required
21 to defend against the claims of Plaintiff in the Complaint and then bring a subsequent action against
22 Third-Party Defendant for indemnification and contribution of sums that Third-Party Plaintiffs may be
23 compelled to pay as a result of any damages, judgments, or other awards recovered by Plaintiff against
24 Third-Party Plaintiffs, if any.

PRAYER

Wherefore, Third-Party Plaintiffs respectfully pray for the following judgment:

1. For judgment against Third-Party Defendant on the First Cause of Action, awarding Third-Party Plaintiffs total contractual indemnity for any amounts which may in good faith be paid by Third-Party Plaintiffs to Plaintiff by way of compromise, settlement, or judgment;

2. For judgment against Third-Party Defendant on the Second Cause of Action, awarding Third-Party Plaintiffs total or partial equitable indemnity for any sum Third-Party Plaintiffs must pay to Plaintiff;

3. For judgment against Third-Party Defendant on the Third Cause of Action, in the form of contribution based on Third-Party Defendant's pro rata share of liability of any sums adjudged against Third-Party Plaintiffs, if any, in favor of Plaintiff herein;

4. For a judicial determination on the Fourth Cause of Action of the responsibilities of Third-Party Defendant to fully or partially indemnify and hold Third-Party Plaintiffs harmless from any damages, judgment, or other awards that may be recovered against Third-Party Plaintiffs by Plaintiff on the Complaint pursuant to Third-Party Defendant's express agreement to indemnify Third-Party Plaintiffs and the principles of equitable indemnity or contribution;

5. For any other equitable decree or order required to apportion liability and damages, and ensure Third-Party Defendant reimburses Third-Party Plaintiffs for any payments they make to Plaintiff in excess of Third-Party Plaintiffs' proportionate share of fault, if any;

6. That Third-Party Plaintiffs be awarded their attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action to the extent permitted by law; and

7. For any and such further relief as the Court may determine is just and proper.

1 DATED: November 5, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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